

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 have been canceled. Claims 15-20 are all the claims pending in the application.

I. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatenable over Seazholtz (US 5,790,952). Claims 1-13 have been canceled.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for finding allowable subject matter in claims 15-20 and for indicating that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 15-17 have been rewritten in independent form. Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

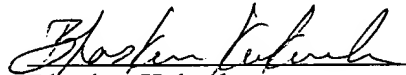
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